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U.S. Patent No. 4,328,334, U.S. Patent No. 4,517,359, EP 0827965, EP 0879823, WO 0210144, WO 01 00640, and WO 0215842 are discussed on page 3 of the Specification. EP 879823, U.S. Patent No. 4328334 and EP 827965 are also discussed on page 5 of the Specification. U.S. Patent No. 4,474,768 is discussed on page 7.

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